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Applicants : Hiroshi NOMURA et al.

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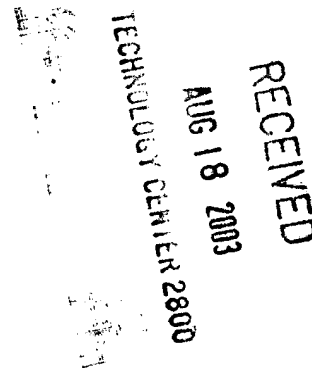
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For : LENS BARREL

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 14, 2003, the period for response having been set to expire on May 14, 2003, and having been extended by three months to August 14, 2003 by the accompanying Request for Extension of Time, please enter the following amendment. Reconsideration of the action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

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